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SUBJ: PUBLICITY ON CIA ACTIVITIES

1. EMBASSY HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT FIRST ISSUE OF NEW "SOCIALIST" NEWSPAPER LA REPUBBLICA ON JANUARY 14 WOULD CONTAIN LEAD STORY NAMING ALLEGED CIA PERSONNEL IN ITALY. WE WERE RELIEVED WHEN FIRST ISSUE APPEARED YESTERDAY WITH NO MENTION OF SUBJECT.

2. SECOND ISSUE, JANUARY 15, DOES HOWEVER CARRY FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "STARS, STRIPES, AND CIA AGENTS". EDITORIAL RELATESTHAT AMBASSADOR IS REPORTEDLY WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF CIA PERSONNEL IN ITALY AS WELL AS ABOUT EFFECTS OF PUBLICITY (FROM US SOURCES) ON ALLEGED PAST AND PRESENT CIA FINANCING OF ITALIAN POLITICAL PARTIES. EDITORIAL GOES ON TO SAY THAT AMBASSADOR HAS REASON TO BE WORRIED: NOT ONLY IS IT UNPLEASANT TO HAVE THIS KIND OF PUBLICITY BUT, IT SAYS, IF 'WE' WERE THE AMBASSADOR WE WOULD BE CONCERNED TO SEE OUR COUNTRY ENGAGED IN MANEUVERS AND INTRIGUES THAT HAVE AS THEIR OBJECT INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AN ALLIED AND INDEPENDENT COUNTRY. THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES THAT THESE ALLEGED AMERICAN PRACTICES ARE NO WORSE THAN THOSE DIRECTED BY MOSCOW, BUT ADDS THAT THEY ARE NOT WHAT ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM A COUNTRY THAT USED TO BE A SYNONYM FOR DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY. AMERICA'S STRENGTH HAS NOT BEEN BASED ON ITS NUCLEAR POWER BUT ON THOSE

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IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY WHICH AMERICA ITSELF HAS "THROWN

INTO THE MUD" AND THAT NO LONGER PROVOKE EITHER SYMPATHY OR  
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